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Subject: FW: Meeting Request: Bristol Bay Alaska
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FYI - starting to schedule meetings with other agencies and building the schedule around our meeting at 9 AM on the 16th.

From: Shoren Brown
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2010 12:59 PM
To: 'Elton, Kim'
Subject: Meeting Request: Bristol Bay Alaska

Kim -

Thank you again for your offer to pull together leaders from BLM, USFWS, and NPS for the meeting described below.

Meeting Request:

When: December 15th – 17th

Who: Dr. Thomas Quinn, Professor in the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences at the University of Washington; Dr. Ann Maest, Managing Scientist at Stratus Consulting; Erin Dovichin, Assistant Director The Nature Conservancy Alaska; Randy Hagenstein, State Director The Nature Conservancy Alaska; Michael Webster, Program Officer Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation; Shoren Brown, Bristol Bay Campaign Director for Trout Unlimited.

Why: The Nature Conservancy recently published “An Assessment of Ecological Risk to Wild Salmon Systems from Large-scale Mining in the Nushagak and Kvichak Watersheds of the Bristol Bay Basin” and has completed additional scientific inquiry that provides a strong scientific record pertinent to Clean Water Act 404 (c) action (i.e., prohibition of dredge and fill permits) in the area of the proposed Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska.

BACKGROUND: An unprecedented coalition of tribes, commercial fishing groups, and sportsmen have requested that USEPA immediately initiate a CWA 404 (c) action in the Nushagak and Kvichak watersheds of the Bristol Bay basin. Although USEPA is the lead agency on a CWA 404(c) action in Bristol Bay, the federal family of natural resource agencies who have expertise and authority over resources in Bristol Bay have a number of opportunities to support USEPA in moving forward. While there are many reasons for USEPA to move forward proactively in protecting Bristol Bay, CWA 404(c) authority may be exercised only when there is an unacceptable adverse effect on municipal water supplies, shellfish beds and fishery areas (including spawning and breeding grounds), wildlife or recreational areas. The coalition has developed scientific findings that establish that all of these criteria are met for the 404(c) action.

Very best -

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